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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

“Please provide the evidence of benefit to the Ministry of Defence, (and therefore the nation) consequent upon the expenditure on Common Purpose.

For each contract placed with Common Purpose, please provide the evidence that the statutory procedures of vetting of the organisation, stating contract specification and delivery, best value / competitive tendering, and post-contract evaluation have all taken place.

Please provide the documentation showing for each contract with Common Purpose the communications between Common Purpose and the Ministry of Defence.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

As a result of searches carried out, I can confirm that two contracts have been identified in scope of your request. One of the contracts started and ended in 2009 and the other started and ended in 2010. However, no further information is held related to these contracts. The contracts predate the centralised, publicly available, Contracts Finder database and any documents held would have been marked for destruction six years after the date of the last enclosure.

You may be interested to know that Contracts Finder lets individuals search for information about contracts worth over £10,000 with the government and its agencies and can be accessed on the Gov.UK website at <https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>. However, information posted prior to 26 February 2015 does not appear.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)